

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2008
9:00 AM

Washington State Department of Health
Town Center 2, Room 158
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On January 25, 2008, the Occupational Therapy Practice Board met at the Department of Health, Town Center 2, Room 158, 111 Israel Rd. S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

MARK LEHNER, OT, CHAIR
D. JILL PETRIE, COTA, VICE CHAIR
JONATHAN HARRISON, OT
CAMILLE CURRY, OT
MICHELLE MOULTON, PUBLIC MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT

VICKI BROWN, PROGRAM MANAGER 3
SANDIE PEARSON, OFFICE ASSISTANT 3
TAYLOR STAIR, DISCIPLINE MANAGER
MICHAEL BROWN, STAFF ATTORNEY
JOY KING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BONNIE KING, DIRECTOR
DORI JAFFE, AAG

GUESTS PRESENT

MELISSA JOHNSON, LOBBYIST, WASHINGTON STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
MARY MATTHEWS BRUNELL, OT
JoANN KELLER GREEN, OT
SUSAN LOUIE, OT, CERTIFIED HAND THERAPIST

Friday January 25, 2008 – 9:00 AM – OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Lehner, OT, Chair.

- 1.1 Introductions – New board member Jonathan Harrison, OT gave a brief overview of his experience in Occupational Therapy.
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as amended. Item 9.2 2007 Boards, Commissions, and Committees (BCC) survey results was moved to follow Item 3 Public Disclosure and Item 9.3 Performance Audit was moved to follow Item 6 Updates from Health Systems Quality Assurance (HSQA) Director.
- 1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2007 – The meeting minutes of October 5, 2007 were approved as presented.
- 1.4 Approval of Disciplinary Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2007 – Tabled to the April 25, 2008 meeting.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mark Lehner was nominated and the board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Lehner as Chair for 2008. Jill Petrie was nominated and the board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Petrie as Vice-Chair for 2008.

3. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The board discussed public disclosure lists & labels guidelines and a definition of an educational organization. Joy King shared information regarding revised Procedure 421 Lists & Labels. She explained the different letters that a requestor may receive after their request is reviewed.

The board reviewed public disclosure lists & labels requests for occupational therapists and requested staff to send the appropriate letter to each entity. The board delegated Vicki Brown, Program Manager, with the authority to review future lists and label requests to determine eligibility. If Ms. Brown receives a request that is questionable, it will be presented to the full board for review and decision at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. SCOPE OF PRACTICE REGARDING WOUND CARE

The board discussed recent correspondence they had received regarding Occupational Therapists performing wound care. Susan Louie, Occupational Therapist (OT), Certified Hand Therapist gave a brief overview of hand therapy. Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for the Washington State Physical Therapy Association provided a synopsis of how physical therapists changed their law regarding wound care using the legislative process.

The Hand Therapy Association will be providing additional information/documentation regarding wound care to department staff. Staff will forward to Dori Jaffe, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) for review and to include in her research. The board will be presented Ms. Jaffe's research at a closed session conference call. Staff was requested to schedule a closed session conference call to take place the middle of March 2008. Further open session discussion regarding this issue will take place at the April 25, 2008 meeting in Spokane, Washington.

The board also discussed the recently released Board of Pharmacy's Prescribing Authority document. This document lists Occupational Therapists among those professions who can not "prescribe/administer/dispense drugs". This will be an ongoing issue and discussed at a future meeting.

5. RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

The board discussed the current re-entry program. A question was asked if it would be possible to have a sliding scale to determine the number hours for re-entry. The board asked Ms. Jaffe to research the re-entry procedure to determine if it needs to be in rule. Ms. Jaffe will bring her findings to the next meeting scheduled for April 25, 2008 in Spokane, Washington.

6. UPDATES FROM HEALTH SYSTEMS QUALITY ASSURANCE (HSQA) DIRECTOR

Bonnie King, Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA) Director provided an update of the HSQA reorganization to the board. She announced that the new directors have already been appointed for the reorganization and then explained how it will affect the board.

7 CITIZEN ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC) PRESENTATION

Micelle Moulton, Public Member provided an overview of the CAC conference she attended in October 2007. A topic that was covered at the CAC conference was that professions and practitioners are struggling to keep up with changing medical technology. Ms Moulton thought the event was very informative.

8. 13th ANNUAL NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (NBCOT) NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STATE REGULATION

Taylor Stair, Disciplinary Manager provided an overview of the conference she attended in October 2007. NBCOT reported on trends in disciplinary activity. As the national requirement for occupational therapy now requires a master's

degree, the NBCOT will be grandfathering in those individuals with a bachelors degree.

9. PROGRAM REPORT

9.1 Budget Update

Joy King presented an update on the interim budget for October 2007 through December 2007 for the Occupational Therapist account.

9.2 2007 Boards, Commissions, and Committees, (BCC) survey results

Joy King, Executive Director updated the board on the results of the BCC survey. This is the second year the survey has been taken and was shorter this year. The information gathered from the survey assists the department in planning the all board, commission and committee member conference and also the leadership conference.

9.3 Performance Audit

Bonnie King, Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA) Director updated the board on the recent performance audit. Ms. King stated that Governor Gregoire was very complimentary on how the department has responded to and been working on the performance audit.

9.4 Legislative Update / Meet me calls

Michelle Moulton, public member presented an overview on the legislative meet me calls.

9.5 Jurisprudence examination

Vicki Brown, Program Manager updated the board on the new jurisprudence exam that applicants will be required to take on-line. The board reviewed the jurisprudence examination report and asked if they had any concerns or comments. There were no concerns or comments.

9.6 Other

Ms. Brown provided an updated version of the Power Point Presentation used for school presentations.

10. PROCEDURE UPDATE

Taylor Stair, Disciplinary Manager updated the board on changes made to Procedure 212 Imminent Danger Cases and Procedure 205 Initial Assessment and Case Disposition Decisions.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Rules
- Re-entry program
- Scope of practice regarding wound care
- Educational opportunities
 - Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines
 - Open Public Meetings Act
- Roles and responsibilities from the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The board reviewed and discussed recent correspondence received by program. The board directed staff to respond on its behalf.

13. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

No public present at this time.

CLOSED SESSION – 2:36 p.m. to 3:49 p.m.

The closed session portion of the meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m. by Mark Lehner, OT, Chair.

14. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Applicant OO – Approved for licensure pending issuance of a Social Security Number (SSN)

Applicant QQ – Approved for licensure

Applicant SS – Approved for re-entry to be licensed

Applicant TT – Approved for re-entry to be licensed

Applicant UU – Approved for licensure

Applicant VV – Pre-approval given for re-entry plan

15. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS

16. CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS

CE-A5 – Approved
CE-A6 – Approved
CE-A7 – Pending
CE-A8 – Approved
CE-A9 – Approved
CE-B1 – Approved
EX-A1 – Denied

OPEN SESSION – 3:49 p.m.

17. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS

The board requested that the August 1, 2008 meeting be moved to July 18, 2008.
The meeting will be held in Bellingham.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 3:56 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for April 25, 2008, in Spokane, Washington.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Vicki Brown
Program Manager

Mark Lehner, OT, Chair
Occupational Therapy Practice Board